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(c) whether it was a fact that the landowning caste Hindus apply to the Police to bring the Boyas and such other labouring classes under Criminal Tribes Act, to secure their labour for an indefinite period at a low wage; and

(d) whether the District Magistrate had thoroughly enquired into individual cases?

4.—(a) Seventy-five.

(b) Seventeen.

(c) The Government are not aware whether any representations were made to the Police by non-officials: but the proposal for registration of these few Boyas (172 out of an estimated total of 15,000) were submitted by the District Magistrate.

(d) Yes.

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN:—"Out of 172 only 75 had convictions. May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Home Member on what grounds the remaining 97 were brought under the obligation of the Criminal Tribes Act?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"On the report of the District Collector."

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN:—"For how many years will they be under the obligation of the Act?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"For three or four years, I suppose."

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN:—"May I know whether it is a fact that these men have to walk for miles every night to report themselves at the police station?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN:—"May I know whether the sons of these men are to be brought under the obligation of this Act when they attain 12 years of age?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not know, Sir. I shall enquire."

Elections

Date of the next elections to the Council.

* 1737 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the date on which it is decided to hold the next general elections for the Legislative Council?

A.—No date for holding the next general elections has yet been decided.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAMANIA MUDALIYAR:—"May I enquire the month and the year when the elections will be held?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question has been answered."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I ask whether there is a proposal to extend the present Council?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."